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In response to the Office Communication mailed on October 17, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in connection with the above-identified application.

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